

Raleigh Moravian Church
Sept 13, 2020

PRELUDE *Laudes Domini* arr. R. Lind

WELCOME Craig Troutman

OPENING HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* 552
Meggie Bumgarner, singing support

SCRIPTURE READING Meggie Bumgarner, reader
Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy times seven. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Matthew 18:21-35

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jami Vandock

HOMILY Craig Troutman

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing* Johnson/Wyeth
Meggie Bumgarner, soprano

LITURGY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE MBOW, excerpts pp. 150-153

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they will be comforted.

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Blessed are the meek,

For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they will be called children of God.

Jesus said: You have heard it said, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with your neighbor, you will be liable to judgment.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

You have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

TUNE: PERFECT LOVE

Follow with reverent steps the great example

Of him whose holy work was doing good;

So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,

Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Praise God, all you nations,

Praise God, all you people!

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. There will be One who will rule with integrity and govern with justice: One who will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storm. One who will be like streams flowing in a desert, like the shadow of a giant rock in a barren land. One whose eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people.

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Our God says:

Here is my servant, whom I strengthen, the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased.

I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

We will walk in the paths he has chosen.

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many peoples.

We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore;

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

Justice will roll down like waters,

And righteousness like an everflowing stream.

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.

TUNE: SINE SARUM

Peacemakers! Blest by Christ's inviting word,
Children of God, let everywhere be heard
The sounds of peace and justice not deferred.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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CLOSING REMARKS/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Barbara Snead Hymn Medley (pre-recorded)